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SUBJ: COMMITTEE OF 24 (C-24) CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO: CUBAN VIEWS

1. ON AUGUST 3, AUSTRALIAN MISSOFF FORRESTER INFORMED US OF A CONVERSATION THE PREVIOUS DAY WITH CUBAN MISSOFF SALADO VILLACIN. IN RESPONSE TO FORRESTER'S QUERY ABOUT CUBAN INTENTIONS CONCERNING C-24 CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO, SALADO SAID HE BELIEVED THAT, ALTHOUGH THE GOC WOULD PREFER A RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO, A "DECISION" LIKE THAT OF LAST YEAR WOULD BE OKAY. CUBAN PERM REP ALARCON IS EXPECTED BACK IN A FEW DAYS AT WHICH TIME HE WILL HAVE DEFINITE INSTRUCTIONS. THE DECISION (IN THE FORM OF A STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN AS LAST YEAR, WE ASSUME) WOULD NOTE VARIOUS STATEMENTS ON PUERTO RICO AND THEN MIGHT BE "ROUNDED OFF" WITH A CALL FOR THE C-24 TO KEEP THE ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION.

2. MISSOFF GAVE HIS INFORMAL VIEW THAT THIS WAS PROBABLY THE BEST THAT COULD BE EXPECTED UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. FORRESTER SAID HE THOUGHT IT WOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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BE USEFUL FOR C-24 VICE CHAIRMAN VRAALSEN (NORWAY)
TO BEGIN CONSULTATIONS ASAP WITH COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
SALIM AND COMMITTEE SECRETARY TANAKA TO WORK OUT
ACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE FOR SUCH A "DECISION."

3. COMMENT: IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER THE MORE PUGNACIOUS ALARCON WILL TAKE ANYTHING LIKE THE

APPROACH SALADO IS REPORTED TO HAVE TAKEN WITH
FORRESTER.
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